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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected rodents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, September 12, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended September 10, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—Two cases of plague were discovered during the week, namely, an Asiatic female (found dead) on the 9th instant, and a European male on the 10th instant. At the plague hospital 4 cases remain under treatment. One hundred and twenty-six rats (15 found dead) and 105 mice (7 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 7 rats and 5 mice proved to be plague-infected.

East London.—Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town during the week.

CAPE TOWN.

Harbor board area and shipping in harbor.—Two hundred and thirteen rodents were examined; no plague infection was discovered.

Cape Town municipal area.—Four hundred and forty-seven rodents were examined by the medical officer of health for the city; no plague infection was discovered.

Other districts.—No plague infection in man or animals was discovered.

J. A. MITCHELL,
Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

AUSTRALIA.

Plague bulletins from Brisbane, Sydney, and Western Australia—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, August 20, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 28, for the week ended 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, August 20, 1904.

RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
BRISBANE.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week	189	127	316
Number of rats and mice examined in Bacteriological Laboratory during week	161	98	259
Number of rats and mice found infected	2	0	2
IPSWICH.			
Total number of rats and mice destroyed during week	58	48	106
Number of rats and mice examined in Bacteriological Laboratory during week	26	45	71
Number of rats and mice found infected			0